

**DECLARATION  
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

MULTIPLE-PARAMETER INSTRUMENT KEYBOARD COMBINING KEY-SURFACE TOUCH  
AND KEY-DISPLACEMENT SENSOR ARRAYS (as amended)

*(Title of Invention)*

the specification of which:

☐ is attached hereto, or

☒ was filed by an authorized person on my behalf on October 10, 2003 as United States Application Number 10/683,914, and was amended on December 10, 2007.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

☒ If checked, the undersigned hereby grants the United States Patent and Trademark Office authority to provide the European Patent Office (EPO), the Japan Patent Office (JPO), and any other intellectual property offices in which a foreign application claiming priority to the above-identified application is filed access to the above-identified patent application. See Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.14(c) and (h). This box should not be checked if the Applicant does not wish the EPO, JPO, or other intellectual property office in which a foreign application claiming priority to the above-identified application is filed to have access to the application.

In accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.14(h)(3), access will be provided to a copy of the application-as-filed with respect to: (1) the above-identified application, (2) any foreign application to which the above-identified application claims priority under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) if a copy of the foreign application that satisfies the certified copy requirement of Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.55 has been filed in the above-identified United States application, and (3) any United States application from which benefit is sought in the above-identified application.

In accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.14(c), access may be provided to information concerning the date of filing the Authorization to Permit Access to Application by Participating Offices.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below, and I have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application, on this invention filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns and having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

| <u>Prior Foreign<br/>Application Number</u> | <u>Country</u> | <u>Foreign<br/>Filing Date</u> | <u>Priority<br/>Not Claimed</u> |
|---|----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| NONE  |                |                                |                                 |

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

| <u>Provisional<br/>Application Number</u> | <u>Provisional<br/>Application Filing Date</u> |
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| 60/085,713                                | May 15, 1998                                   |

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120, of any prior United States application(s), or under §365(c) of any PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this

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application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known by me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

| <u>Prior U.S.<br/>Application Number</u> | <u>Prior PCT<br/>International<br/>Application Number</u> | <u>Filing Date<br/>of U.S. or PCT<br/>International Application</u> | <u>Patent Number<br/>(if Applicable)</u> |
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| 09/812,400                               |   | March 19, 2001  |  |
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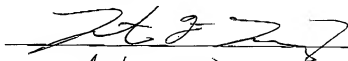
As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the practitioners associated with Customer Number 22242, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and request that all correspondence and telephone calls in respect to this application be directed to FITCH, EVEN, TABIN & FLANNERY, Suite 1600, 120 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603-3406, Telephone Number (312) 577-7000, Facsimile Number (312) 577-7007, CUSTOMER NUMBER 22242.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity or enforceability of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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